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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION

1. IN SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING BETWEEN UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND MINISTER ZAANOUNI AGREEMENT REACHED TO HOLD JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS IN TUNIS OCTOBER 17-20. EARLIER TIMING NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF PREPCON WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 13. AGREEMENT WAS ALSO REACHED ON FORMAT FOR MEETINGS, AS FOLLOWS:

-- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 - BRIEF OPENING PLENARY FOLLOWED BY FULL DAY MEETINGS SUBCOMMISSION ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND SUBCOMMISSION ON DEVELOPMENT.

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-- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 - SCHEDULING OF INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

AS REQUIRED, AND DRAFTING OF SUBCOMMISSIONS' MINUTES, DRAFT COMMISSION MINUTES AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

-- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 - FREE

-- MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 - MORNING PLENARY MEETING OF FULL COMMISSION, CO-CHAIRED BY ROBINSON AND ZAANOUNI, TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF TWO SUBCOMMISSIONS, REVIEW EXPANSION OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE, SIGN SFCP AND AID TRUST FUND AGREEMENTS, AND APPROVE MINUTES AND FINAL COMMUNIQUE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED - EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO INFORM MOFA OF ABOVE. WE REALIZE THAT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MEETINGS ARE NOT IDEAL BUT NO OTHER ALTERNATIVES ARE OPEN. REVISED AGENDA ITEMS AND TENTATIVE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOLLOW SEPTELS.

3. EMBASSY'S 5400 RECEIVED JUST AS THIS CABLE BEING PUT ON WIRE. PLEASE ADVISE IF MOFA IS ABLE TO ACCEPT OCT 17-20 DATES. OTHERWISE, MEETINGS WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED TO EARLY 1976. THIS WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IN VIEW MOMENTUM WHICH ALREADY UNDERWAY FOR OCTOBER MEETING. KISSINGER

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